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Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-14, 23, 24 and 28-31 currently remain in the application. Claims 3, 7, 15-22 and 25-27 have been withdrawn and claims 1, 9 and 10 are herein amended.

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-9, 11, 13, 23 and 28-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Manabe and claims 10, 12, 14 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being obvious over Manabe. At least in part in view of this reference and the Examiner's reasons for rejecting the claims, applicant is herein amending independent claims 1, 9 and 10 to further limit their scopes by introducing additional limitations regarding the means for restricting the motions of the liquid crystal molecules. These additional limitations are supported by the specification and hence believed to be enterable. Furthermore, since Manabe does not describe or even hint at such characterization of its means for applying an electric field or turning the liquid crystal molecules, the amendment herein effected is believed to obviate the Examiner's rejection of these claims and hence also the other claims dependent therefrom.

As for the matter of Paragraph 2 of the Official Letter, the Examiner is hereby informed that the undersigned attorney has been instructed by the inventors through their agent in Japan to report to the Examiner that the specification, as being examined by the Examiner, does not require any change.

It is therefore requested that the examination be continued on the amended claims.

Respectfully submitted,


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